

Remarks

Claims 15-32 are pending.

Applicants thank Examiner Lu for conducting² telephone interview with Michelle Holmes-Son on April 8, 2005.

The Amendments

Claims 15 and 25 have been amended to recite that the length in base pairs of amplicon (L_A) is not equal to the length in base pairs of the longest amplicon (L_L). The amendment is supported by the specification at Tables 2 and 3, and by the drawings.

The amendments introduce no new matter.

Interview Summary

On April 8, 2005, Applicant's representative and Examiner Lu participated in a telephone interview. Applicant's representative and Examiner Lu agreed that if independent claims 15 and 25 were amended to recite "wherein L_A is not equal to L_L " and if Applicants filed a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,673,579, the claims would be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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